15 October 1952

Dear Ur. Armold:

Many thanks for your letter of October 10, 1952, inviting se to address the Conference of Critical Target Civil Defense Area Cities on November 20th.

I appreciate your thinking of me and wish it were possible to accept. However, my schedule as presently set up will take me out of the country at that time and, therefore, I must decline.

It is my sincere wish that the Conference will prove highly stimulating to this vital and urgent program.

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Walter B. Smith

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